

Rain Hits Charlottesville and Players Loaf Lest They Get Wet Tootsies

RAIN HITS PLAYERS AT TRAINING CAMP, PREVENTING BATTLE

Lambeth Field Is Too Wet to Allow Athletes to Cavort in Morning Practice.

SPIRIT IS GOOD IN CAMP

Old Fox Is Driving His Men Hard Every Day, Preparing for Coming Campaign.

Probable Line-Up Of Today's Games

Already.	Position.	Almosts.
Judge	1b.	Williams
Morgan	2b.	Parks
McBride	ss.	Schwab
Foster	3b.	Shanks
Rondeau	lf.	Jamieson
C. Milan	cf.	H. Milan
Barber	rf.	Moeller
Gharriety	c.	Henry
Ayers	p.	Sloan
Humphries	p.	Dumont
Boehling	p.	Gittings
Umpire	Mr. Altrock.	

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., March 14.—The morning game between Altrock's Almosts and Griffith's Already's was called off because of a wet field caused by two hours of heavy rain during the middle of the night.

The sun, however, was shining brightly and warmly today, and at 1 o'clock the boys were trotted out for the regularly scheduled afternoon contest. No practice of any kind was held this morning, lest the men get wet feet. However, two sessions will be in vogue whenever possible. Manager Griffith does not want to lose a minute of time in preparing his players for the coming campaign.

Under a burning sun that was almost depressing the boys on the regular battlefield, and those in the trenches below received more real practice yesterday than has formerly been accorded them in a week of this city. Charlottesville weather, and the fact that the elements have been good has spread a spirit of hope and high aspirations that is fairly contagious. The feeling has never been quite equalled in other camps according to the veterans who have come here year after year, and there is something in the atmosphere that serves as a good omen for the 1916 championship race.

The afternoon work was concluded with a lively fielding practice in which Griffith battled to the infield and Johnson to the outfield.

With Joe Judge on first, Morgan at second, McBride at short, and Eddie Foster at third, the boys fielded the ball around in what matters of mid-season form, and Griffith was batting 'em out with all the force he has in his fifty-odd years.

Walter Johnson, who has been doing a little of everything when he is not actually pitching, knocked the others far out of the field and made the flies as difficult as possible to field. Henri Rondeau took perfectly good care of everything that came to left field. Milan, as usual, rode herd successfully in the center pasture, and Turner Barber looked like the real thing as he went after the long ones in right field.

As for the pitching which has been seen so far, it can be said without forecasting that Jim Shaw, Harry Harper, Bert Gallia, Joe Boehling, and Walter Johnson look to be about as steady a staff of mountaineers as it is possible to corral in one big league ball camp.

Instructions are still to keep the curve off the ball, but every now and then the temptation is too strong and a "bender" is seen to shoot across. Despite the warnings of Henry, Williams, and Griffith himself, the pitchers will send one that breaks over the corner every now and then.

Not until next week at the earliest does the O. P. want the twisters take up the curving department of their work—but Griffith has proof that he must watch the boys, or they will let their overambition get away from them. Harper, particularly, has a delivery that always admits of a little "stuff," but as he is gaining control he is learning to keep them "straight."

Down in the trenches, where Nick Altrock has his Almosts, the youngsters are strenuously laboring for perfection. Of all the youthful set, the batting of Jim Parks, the Atlanta embryo, stands out. He walks into the ball invariably with a healthy swing, and most always he spans the ball for a lengthy journey to the meek traps or the railroad track.

After the evening session yesterday Altrock lined his Almosts, and in military order, and with their bats on their shoulders, drilled them up on the Verdun of this peaceable baseball warfare that is being waged here. Once on the main firing line, General Nickovitch gave his commands to fire in Russian, and the lads in uniform knelt and aimed their imaginary guns at the big concrete stadium, the latter serving as some imaginary Port Vaux.

The stunt men a bit with the regulars, as well as the spectators and assembling Virginia ball players, who were ready to take possession of the diamond, as they do every day at 3:30.

Hopes For 1917 Race.

LONDON, March 14.—Sir Thomas Lipton, in a letter to the Essex Yacht Club, says he hopes to compete next year for the America's Cup.

Sir Thomas Lipton in 1913 built the yacht Shamrock IV, which was to have raced off Sandy Hook the following year with the America's Cup defense yacht Resolute. The Shamrock IV arrived in New York shortly after the outbreak of the war, but the races were postponed and the challenger was housed in a Brooklyn apartment, where she now is.

WHICH IS WHICH IN THIS PICTURE?



The Griffins have two brothers hustling for places on the regular team. They are CLYDE MILAN and HORACE MILAN. Clyde is better known as "Zeb," while his brother is termed "Eph" and "Hoss." The Times camera

man saw a chance to snap these brothers down in the Charlottesville training camp and here they are. "Zeb" is a veteran outfielder in the big show. Maybe that will assist you in picking him out. Also, he's older than

"Hoss." The younger Milan gives every promise of developing into a big leaguer and, if he hustles, the Washington club may yet have brothers in action every day. That's right. "Hoss" is on the left. Sure, the other one's "Zeb."

Jess' Managers Force Moran Into Popularity

Commercializing Ring Game, Even Training Stunts, Proving Bad Medicine For Champion—Today's Sportorial on Live Topics.

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

Owing to the grasping methods of his managers, Jess Willard is fast becoming the most unpopular world's champion who ever wore the crown.

It is generally understood that Willard risks little in entering the ring for ten rounds with Frank Moran. The only possible chance for the title to change would come from a knock-out blow administered by Moran. Even if the Pittsburgher clearly out-points Willard, the referee is not empowered to award him the decision. Willard will still be champion. He will still be eligible for the circus.

Look at these two items of a day: One thousand fans pay two bits each to see Willard go through his training stunts for thirty-eight minutes. The \$500 goes to Willard's managers and the promoters of the Pioneer A. C.

Fans watching Moran train at Dal Hawkins' roadhouse contribute \$200 to a charity box maintained by the challenger. The money goes to a Bowers Mission, providing food and clothing for the needy.

There you have the line that is drawn so rigidly between the champion and the challenger. One is commercializing a sport. The other is keeping sportsmanship uppermost.

Willard, thanks to his managers, is the most unpopular champion in years. His interest in boxing comes wholly from the money to be devised, not from the honor. He lacks picturesqueness, personality. The champion's managers are losing wonderful opportunities to gain popularity for their meal ticket. They put up bars against the public. They make the boxing writers' tasks difficult. They continually chirp about money, money, money, as if the sport itself were secondary.

Moran, though the short end in the betting, will be the more popular man when he and the champion climb through the ropes on the night of March 25 at Madison Square Garden.

After all is said and done, all that rumpus about Benny Kauff's scrap with the Giants was but advertising, an effort to keep the Giants in the headlines of the metropolitan papers. The Yankees, with their acquisitions of Lee Magee and Frank Baker, were hogging it all.

It is hinted that McGraw and Kauff had the whole thing rehearsed before it got under way.

When baseball stoops to such tactics, it is time for those engineering the deal to cry quits and for the fans to "stay off."

Save Your Cheers. It listens good to hear that Spike McBiff is "killing the pill at the training camp."

But save your cheers! In the spring the pitchers are 10 per cent of the practice. In the summer they are closer to 50 per cent.

Straight balls have few terrors for professional ball players, and that's all the lads are throwing now. Wait till the "hookers" and fast ones are being served up.

If Spike McBiff can continue his swatting through July and August, yell your lungs out.

But let's wait till July.

Malone's in Earnest.

Bill Malone, the Clarendon baseball impresario, shows that he's very much in earnest when he books an exhibition game between his Alexandria County Club and Nick Altrock's Almosts.

There are hundreds of young men in Alexandria county whose interest in wholesome outdoor exercise will be increased by the Alexandria County Athletic Association, and Malone certainly makes a ten-strike by booking the big leaguers thus early in the season.

There won't be many doubters after that game is played.

Malone's in earnest.

Another "White Hope."

"Unts" Brewer, by his victory over Roy Morse and Howard Drew, looks like the best "white hope" in sight.

Heinie Wagner to Lead Hartford Ball Club

Heinie Wagner, the Red Sox's former captain and famous shortstop, has signed to manage the Hartford (Eastern League) club.

Cowner James H. Clarkin was only able to the Wagner up to a one-year contract. He will be given free rein and plenty of money to put together a flag contender.

John Hunter, recently released by Brooklyn, and Tom O'Brien, of Worcester, were applicants for the position.

Shaw's Generosity Is Real Touching

CHARLOTTESVILLE, March 14.—On leaving the dinner table at Mrs. Saunders' cabaret, Ray Morgan deftly slipped the waiter a coin just slightly larger than a nickel, remarking, "That's for yesterday and today."

Jim Shaw caught the act and on arising from his plate not quite so deftly placed a coin slightly smaller than a nickel in the palm of the slave, the while expostulating, "That's for yesterday, today, next week, and next training season!"

SAYS JESS WILLARD QUIT BEFORE REICH

Maxey Blumenthal Charges Champion With Flunking Out of Jones' Arrangement.

NEW YORK, March 14.—That Jess Willard flunked out of boxing with Al Reich after Manager Tom Jones, the barber from Kewanaw, had promised the local boxer \$500 for eight days' work, is the charge made today by Maxey Blumenthal, manager of Reich. Furthermore, Maxey says that he will sue for the \$500, and then give it to the Board of United Charities, not wishing a cent for himself from Jones. "Reich didn't want to train with Willard, and I didn't want him to," asserts Blumenthal. "Jones argued and argued and finally I gave in. Jones promised \$500 for eight days' work, and we would forfeit everything if we missed attending one day."

"When Reich appeared Saturday for his first day's work, Willard simply flunked out, saying that he knew nothing of any arrangement with Reich. As the newspapers had all announced the arrangement, and some 2,000 fans packed the clubhouse, Willard's statement was foolish."

Tex O'Rourke, who conditioned Willard for his bout with Jack Johnson, saw the champion work yesterday, and said that he was too fat and not down to form for his match with Moran.

Mike Donovan, boxing instructor at the New York A. C., on the other hand, thought Willard was in good shape and very fast for a big man. Yesterday's training was closed to the public, admission fees being stopped by Boxing Commissioner Fred Wenck.

Moran rested yesterday, and will do so again today. He is down to form, and does not care to risk overtraining.

Tris Speaker Chats About What He'll Do

MARLIN, Tex., March 14.—Tris Speaker, star outfielder of the world's champion Boston Red Sox, visited the Giants' camp here yesterday and talked about his future for 1916.

"No, I've not signed up yet," he said. "But there's plenty of time. We're not supposed to report till March 19, you know."

Speaker is considerably overweight, and will have to work hard at Hot Springs to get into condition for the opening of the season.

Smith to Get Five.

RICHMOND, Va., March 14.—At least five of the players now with the New York Yankees will wear Richmond uniforms this season, according to Manager Billy Smith, who has returned from Georgia, where he looked over the lads struggling for big league berths under the eye of Bill Donovan.

Smith won't say who they are, but two are said to be pitchers.

CONFLICT OF DATES MAY CAUSE SCHOOLS TO POSTPONE MEET

Some Games Fall on May 20, Which Is Engagement for Annual Affair Here.

By BRYAN MORSE.

The annual field and track games for the high school championships set for May 20 by the advisers last June may be changed to a later date, according to several coaches interested in sending athletes to the Jacob Tome games, set for the same date.

For many years past three of the high schools have sent big squads to the annual field and track games for the high school championships set for May 20 by the advisers last June may be changed to a later date, according to several coaches interested in sending athletes to the Jacob Tome games, set for the same date.

It was discovered recently that the high school athletic advisers here had set the date of the local games for the third Saturday in May, and this falls upon the same date as the Tome games.

Last year, Central sent fifteen men to Tome, and Tech and Western put eight each in the affair, which drew athletes from all over the Middle Atlantic section. This season the games promise to be an even more pretentious affair, and Tome is more than anxious to get the local athletes in competition.

If the advisers come to an agreement on changing the date it may be that the next Saturday will be selected. A large entry list will be put in the Maryland Agates was out doing his bit. All of the schools and colleges had the limit number of players in action, and a long session was held.

Georgetown staged a nine-inning battle between two picked teams and the brand of baseball displayed was quite up to expectations. Coach John O'Reilly is blessed with an abundance of first rate material. Charlie Cox, gradua manager, after looking over the candidates, selected himself, as confident that the Blue and Gray would have its best team in years.

At Catholic University Coach Moran gave his candidates a long session on the field. Moran may cut down his squad in a day or so. The Brooklanders appear to be weak on catchers.

A sudden switch in the coaching staff of Tech was made yesterday when Jake Roberts was appointed to take charge

Where Foster Loses His Excess Baggage

CHARLOTTESVILLE, March 14.—As Eddie Foster trotted off the field, plainly perspiring in the face, Danny Moeller addressed him in no uncertain terms: "Are you getting some of the excess off, Eddie?" "Yes," came the reply, "I'm getting it off where I am the fattest, above the ears."

of the team. Hope Falconer was forced to resign on account of business reasons and Roberts was given charge of the squad.

Last season Roberts was captain of the team, and in basketball this winter coached the floor team. Unusual success marked the record of the Tech basketballers, and when Falconer made known his intention of resigning, Roberts was given the position. The change will mean that Tech will have a coach throughout the entire season, and will not be forced to shift coaches in mid-year as has been the case in former campaigns.

Central has unhooked a new pitcher in the person of Kelley, a brother of Ed Kelley, former Business High School pitcher. Kelley is said to have the making of a capable pitcher, and should make a good running mate for Sam Gottlieb, who is counted upon as Central's mainstay this season.

From indications at Western several of the regulars from last season are going to have a hard time holding on to their jobs. Hume, Watt, Stevens, Chamberlaine, and Myers, who are not being bid for by the Red and White, took good enough to make the team judging from first performances.

Norman Oyster, Central's track captain last season, is now at Penn. and is fast enough to get a chance to run in the various meets in which Penn is taking part.

Friends will have to baseball team this year, but will turn attention to tennis. A strong team will probably represent the Quakers, who are anxious to schedule matches with other schools.

Judging from tennis activities at Central the O street school will have a first rate team. Lou Doyle has taken an interest in tennis, and is likely to have a successful year of it.

Hillbrook A. C. Ready.

The Hillbrook Athletic Club baseball team has organized for the season and is out with a challenge to any club in this vicinity. The first practice of the season will be held next Sunday on the grounds at Hillbrook. Manager Hugh Dougherty is anxious to hear from any team in this vicinity. Address 2308 First street northwest.

Fraternity Opens War on Magnates

President Fultz Files Action for Injunction to Protect Minor Leaguer.

NEW YORK, March 14.—The Baseball Players' Fraternity has opened the fight on organized baseball.

William Cristall, manager of the Hamilton baseball club, of the Canadian League, has filed a complaint in the New York county supreme court against the board of arbitration of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues. Robt. Supers, which were drawn up by David L. Fultz, president of the Baseball Players' Fraternity, Cristall alleges that he was notified last November of the imposing of a fine and suspension, without explanation of the charges made against him or being given a opportunity to defend himself.

The suspended manager demands, through his attorney, that the fine and suspension be lifted, and damages awarded him for the financial loss incurred as a result of his suspension.

When the fraternity demanded of the National Commission that a player fined or suspended be given written notice of the reasons and be granted a hearing, the request was incorporated into the Cincinnati agreement.

The minor leagues, however, declined to yield that point and President Fultz has accordingly been compelled to start an equity suit for an injunction to compel the national board to give Cristall relief.

Benny Leonard Loses Kayo Victory by Bell

PHILADELPHIA, March 14.—"Benny" Leonard, of New York, defeated "Sam" Robideau, of Philadelphia, in a six round boxing contest here last night.

Robideau held his own in the first three rounds, but in the fourth Leonard forced the fighting, and in the sixth knocked Robideau down for the count of eight. Robideau after regaining his feet again was knocked down, and was on his knee when the bell ended the bout.

Leonard, weighing 154 pounds, and Robideau 154½.

Haughton to Remain; Brickley to Assist

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., March 14.—Percy H. Haughton will remain national head coach of the Harvard football team for 1916, his first assistant and field coach being Leo Leary and his second assistant, or backfield coach, being Charlie Brickley, former star dropkicker and last year successful tutor of the Johns Hopkins eleven.

Signs Two More Feds.

TOLEDO, March 14.—Roger Bresnahan has signed two more ex-Feds for his Mudhens. Steve Evans, former Cardinal, and Al Stewart, an outfielder, will play here this season.

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